

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4664, by Representatives Chopp, McMorris, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Armstrong, Bailey, Benson, Berkey, Blake, Boldt, Buck, Bush, Cairnes, Campbell, Carrell, Chandler, Chase, Clements, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Conway, Cooper, Cox, Crouse, Darneille, DeBolt, Delvin, Dickerson, Dunshee, Edwards, Eickmeyer, Ericksen, Flannigan, Fromhold, Gombosky, Grant, Haigh, Hankins, Hatfield, Hinkle, Holmquist, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Jarrett, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Kirby, Kristiansen, Lantz, Linville, Lovick, Mastin, McCoy, McDermott, McDonald, McIntire, McMahan, Mielke, Miloscia, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Murray, Newhouse, Nixon, O'Brien, Orcutt, Pearson, Pettigrew, Pflug, Priest, Quall, Roach, Rockefeller, Romero, Ruderman, Santos, Schindler, Schoesler, Schual-Berke, Sehlin, Shabro, Simpson, Skinner, Sommers, Sullivan, Sump, Talcott, Tom, Upthegrove, Veloria, Wallace, Wood and Woods

WHEREAS, Dennis "Denny" L. Heck has been the driving force behind TVW, Washington State's Public Affairs Network, since its first broadcast at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Denny Heck, President and Founder of TVW, has established the network as "must-see TV" for citizens, lawmakers, and others who are interested in state government; and

WHEREAS, TVW, under Denny Heck's leadership, received a 1996 Government News Reporting of the Year Award from King County, 1996 Communicator Award for its production of "First Branch," a 1998 Communicator Award, a 1999 Videographer of the Year Award and an Emmy Award for its production of "Supreme Justice," and a 1996 Excellence in Government Programming Award from King County, and a 2002 Award of Distinction in 2002 from The Videographer Awards; and

WHEREAS, TVW produces 2,200 hours of original programming each year for 3.3 million people, or 85 percent of all cable households in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Denny Heck's TVW has fundamentally changed the way elected officials conduct themselves in committee hearings and on the floor of this chamber -- in the words of one former member making lawmakers "a little concerned about whether your tie is straight and your fly is up," and in the words of another lawmaker, when the TVW camera is on "pens go down, phones are hung up, and all of a sudden you're looking at the person who's talking"; and

WHEREAS, Denny Heck is a former member of this body, first elected at the age of 24 and subsequently elected to five terms in the House of Representatives, rising to the post of Majority Leader; and

WHEREAS, Denny Heck has also served the people of the state of Washington as Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and as Governor Booth Gardner's chief of staff from 1989-1993; and

WHEREAS, Denny Heck has devoted thirty years of his life to public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its utmost appreciation and gratitude for the long years of service that Dennis "Denny" L. Heck has rendered to the people of the state of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Governor, Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Chairman of the Board of TVW, and Dennis "Denny" L. Heck.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4664 adopted by the House of Representatives  
April 27, 2003

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Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk